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Marked-up Version of Rewritten Claims (37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii)):

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16. (amended) A support structure for bicycle bottles [or similar containers], comprising a unitary supporting [cage-like or] three dimensional cage frame, anchoring means for attachment thereof to a bicycle frame [or to a similar member], said supporting frame comprising a rear anchoring post with an upper end from which two substantially symmetrical and diverging arms extend so as to embrace the lateral wall of a bottle, the lower ends of said arms converging and being reciprocally joined so as to form a lower appendix directed towards said post and adapted to support the bottom wall of the bottle, said arms and said post being located along a substantially cylindrical surface having an inner diameter that is slightly larger than the [conventional] diameter of the bottle to be supported, said arms comprising a first portion directed upwardly and forwardly from said upper end of said rear anchoring post, and a second portion directed downwardly and forwardly from said first portion, which portions are continuously connected and bent along a curved space line with no sharp bends, [the] said arms having inside edges [of said arms] having lower converging ends and a span that is continuously increasing along said first portion and continuously decreasing along said second portion towards said lower appendix.

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18. (amended) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein said inner diameter has a predetermined size ranging between 40 mm and 50 mm and preferably equal to approximately 45 mm so as to be smaller than those of traditional [bottles] bicycle support structures and to reduce the transversal encumbrance of the supporting frame.

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28. (amended) Support structure according to claim 26, wherein each  
pad has at least one transverse [chevron] curved groove so shaped to permit  
downward insertion and preventing easy upward removal of a bottle within  
said support frame.